

# From Multisites to Multi Networks

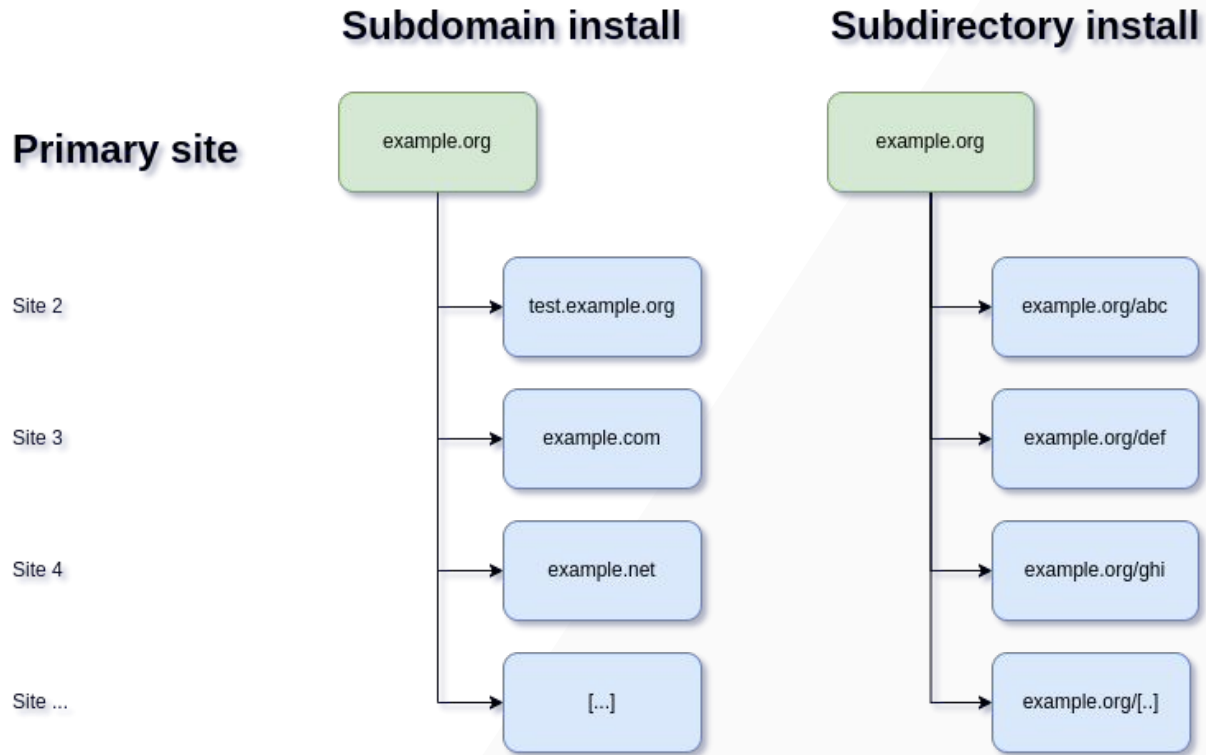


# What is a Multisite?

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A Multisite is a type of WordPress installation that allows you to create and manage a network of **multiple websites** from a **single WordPress** installation.

# There are two types of Multisites though



## Possible blocking situation

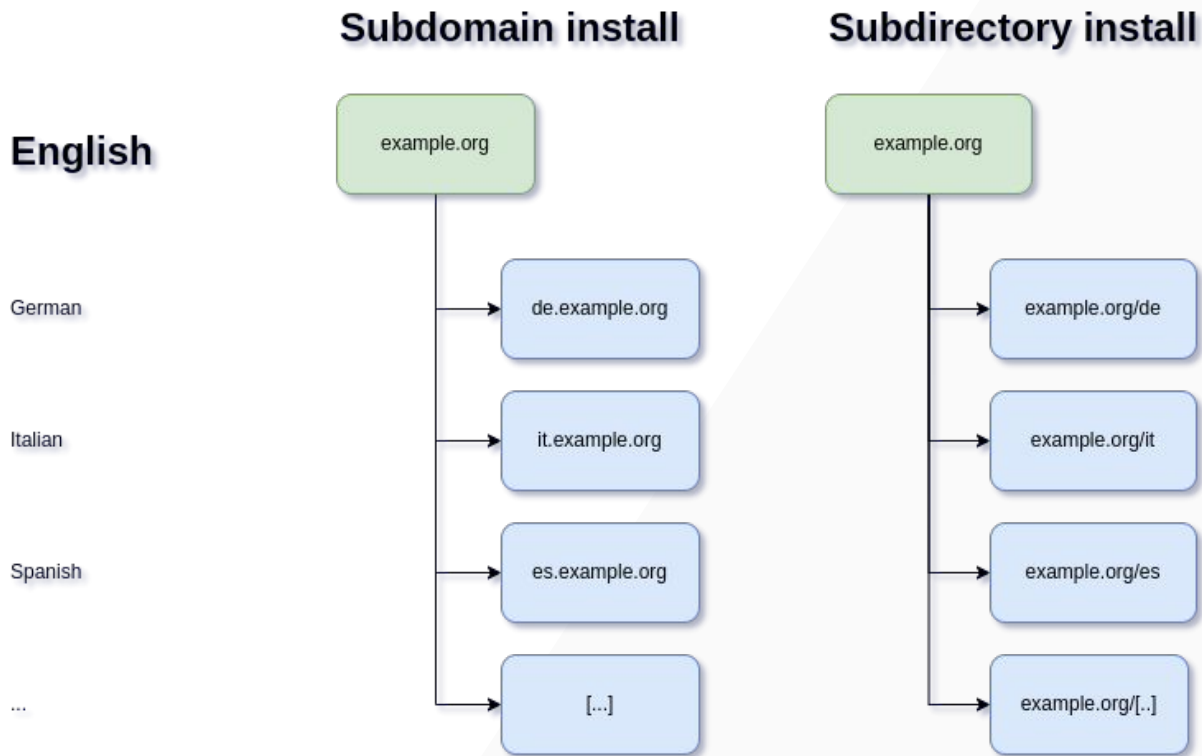
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It's up to you to decide between subdomains and subdirectories if you're activating the Multisite feature on a new WordPress installation. But if you have an established site, you are forced to use subdomains.

**There could be a clash between the subdirectories for sites created on your new network.**

*You can switch between subdomain and subdirectory installations once you've finished the activation though.*

# WordPress multilingual - Options



# Subdomain installations come with a “but”

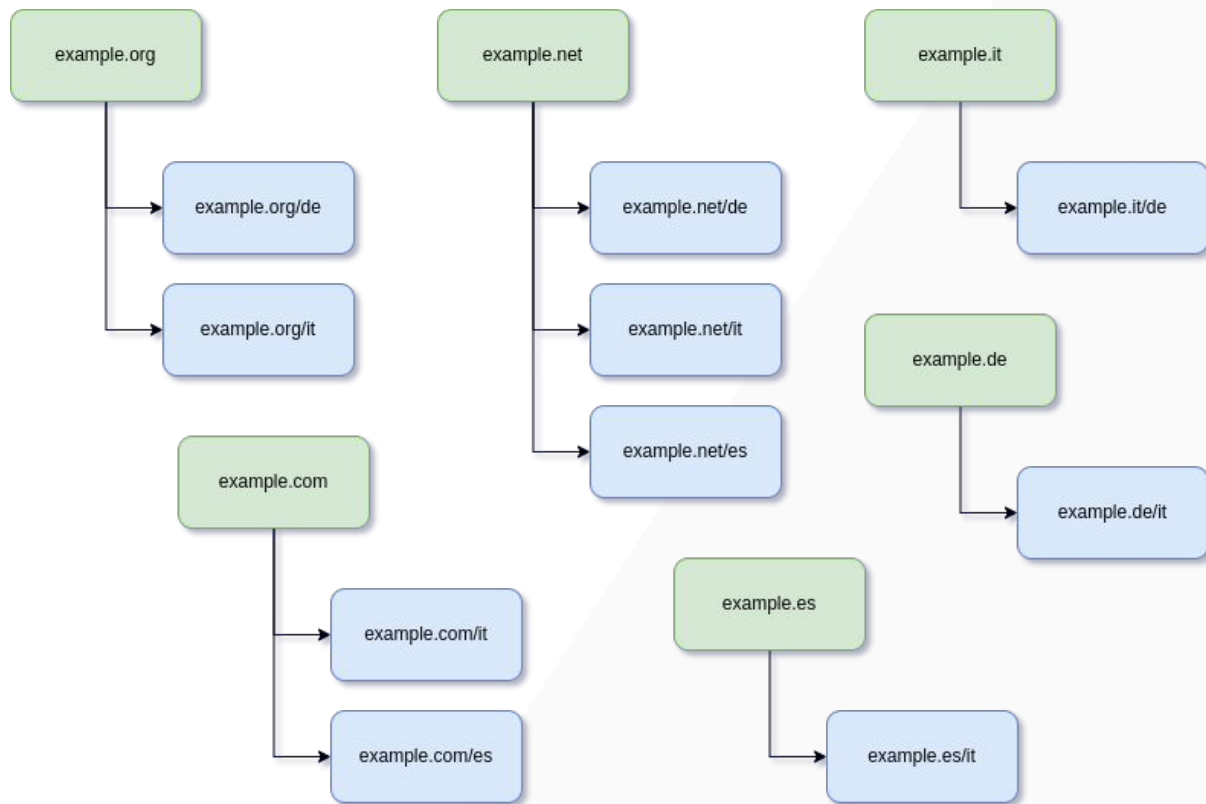
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Before WordPress 4.5, domain mapping required a domain mapping plugin like [WordPress MU Domain Mapping](#).

In WordPress 4.5+, domain mapping is a native feature.

**Managing a Multisite with subdomains is technically no problem but might be dismissed by customers.**

# What customers like





## Tons of Multisites?

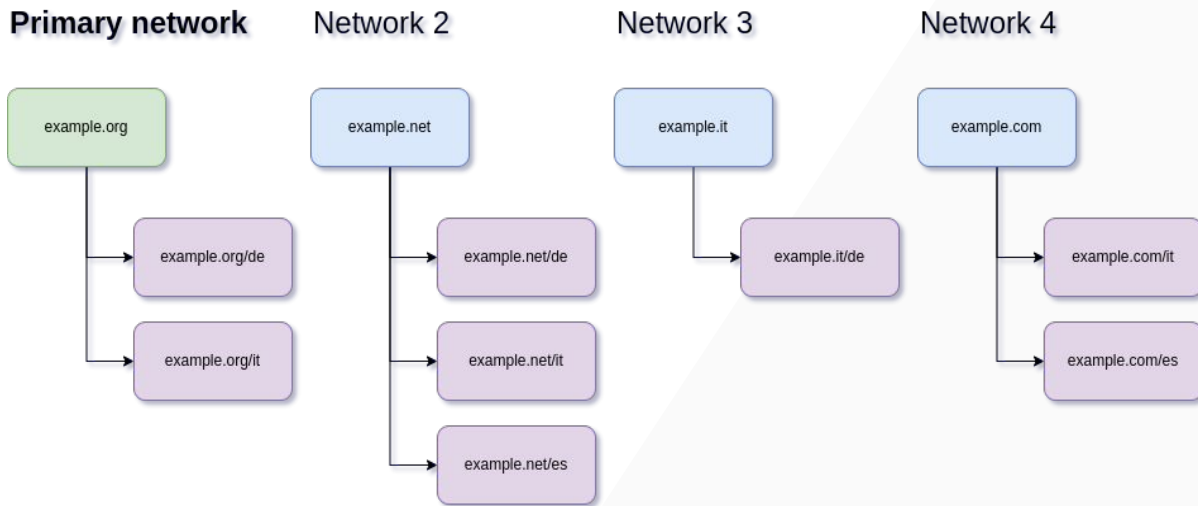
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Having lots of Multisites only for being able to offer multilingual versions of customers' websites can become quickly a cost and organizational overhead.



# WordPress Multi Networks to the rescue

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# A quick look at wp\_blogs

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Field	Type	Null	Key	Default	Extra
blog_id	bigint(20)		PRI		auto_increment
site_id	bigint(20)			0	
domain	varchar(200)		IND Pt1		
path	varchar(100)		IND Pt2		
registered	datetime			0000-00-00 00:00:00	
last_updated	datetime			0000-00-00 00:00:00	
public	tinyint(2)			1	
archived	tinyint(2)			0	
mature	tinyint(2)			0	
spam	tinyint(2)			0	
deleted	tinyint(2)			0	
lang_id	int(11)		IND	0	

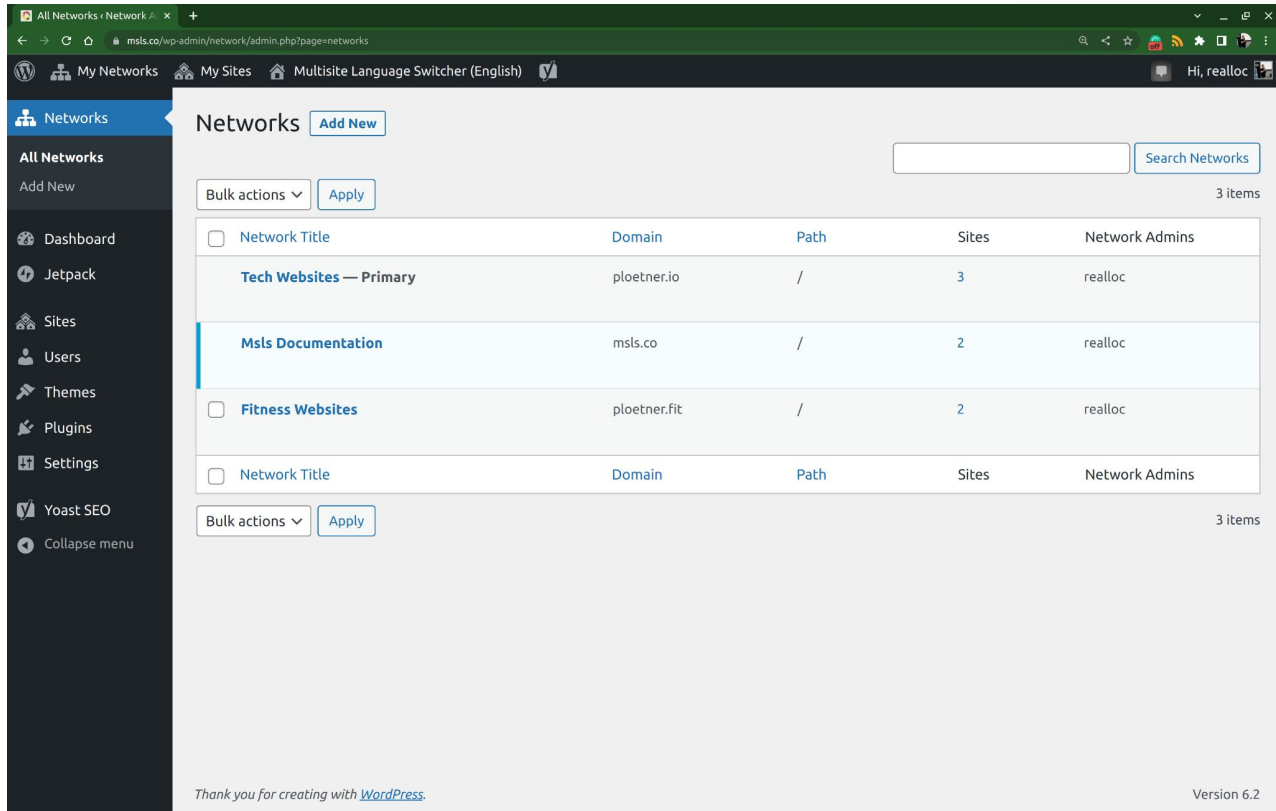


# Aparecium!

**A spell to make hidden objects appear.**

It doesn't work for Multi Networks though. You'll still need to install the plugin [WP Multi Network](#).

# Real world example - My networks



The screenshot displays the WordPress Networks administration page. The left sidebar contains navigation options: Networks, All Networks, Add New, Dashboard, Jetpack, Sites, Users, Themes, Plugins, Settings, Yoast SEO, and Collapse menu. The main content area is titled 'Networks' and includes an 'Add New' button, a search box, and a 'Bulk actions' dropdown with an 'Apply' button. A table lists three networks, with 'Msls Documentation' selected. The table columns are Network Title, Domain, Path, Sites, and Network Admins.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Network Title	Domain	Path	Sites	Network Admins
<input type="checkbox"/>	Tech Websites — Primary	ploetner.io	/	3	realloc
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Msls Documentation	msls.co	/	2	realloc
<input type="checkbox"/>	Fitness Websites	ploetner.fit	/	2	realloc
<input type="checkbox"/>	Network Title	Domain	Path	Sites	Network Admins

At the bottom of the page, there is a footer that reads 'Thank you for creating with [WordPress](#). Version 6.2'.

# Real world example - Edit network

The screenshot displays the WordPress Network Admin interface for editing a network. The browser address bar shows the URL: `ploetner.io/wp-admin/network/admin.php?page=networks&action=edit_network&id=2`. The left sidebar contains navigation options: Networks, All Networks, Add New, Dashboard, Jetpack, Sites, Users, Themes, Plugins, Settings, Yoast SEO, WP-Optimize, and Collapse menu. The main content area is titled 'Edit Network' with an 'Add New' button. The network name is 'Msls Documentation'. The 'Details' section includes a 'Domain' field with the value 'https:// msls.co' and a 'Path' field with the value '/'. Below this is the 'Site Assignment' section, which shows a list of 'Available Subsites' (ploetner.fit/de/, ploetner.io/de/, ploetner.io/it/) and a 'Network Subsites' list containing '(msls.co/de/)'. A 'Network' summary box on the right shows the network name and the number of sites (2), with 'Cancel' and 'Update' buttons. At the bottom, there is a footer message: 'Thank you for creating with [WordPress](#).' and the version number 'Version 6.2'.

Networks **Edit Network** [Add New](#)

**Msls Documentation**

**Details**

**Domain** `https://`

**Path**   
Use "/" if you are unsure.

**Site Assignment**

Available Subsites	Network Subsites
<input type="text" value="(ploetner.fit/de/)"/> <input type="text" value="(ploetner.io/de/)"/> <input type="text" value="(ploetner.io/it/)"/>	<input type="text" value="(msls.co/de/)"/>

**Network**

Name: Msls Documentation

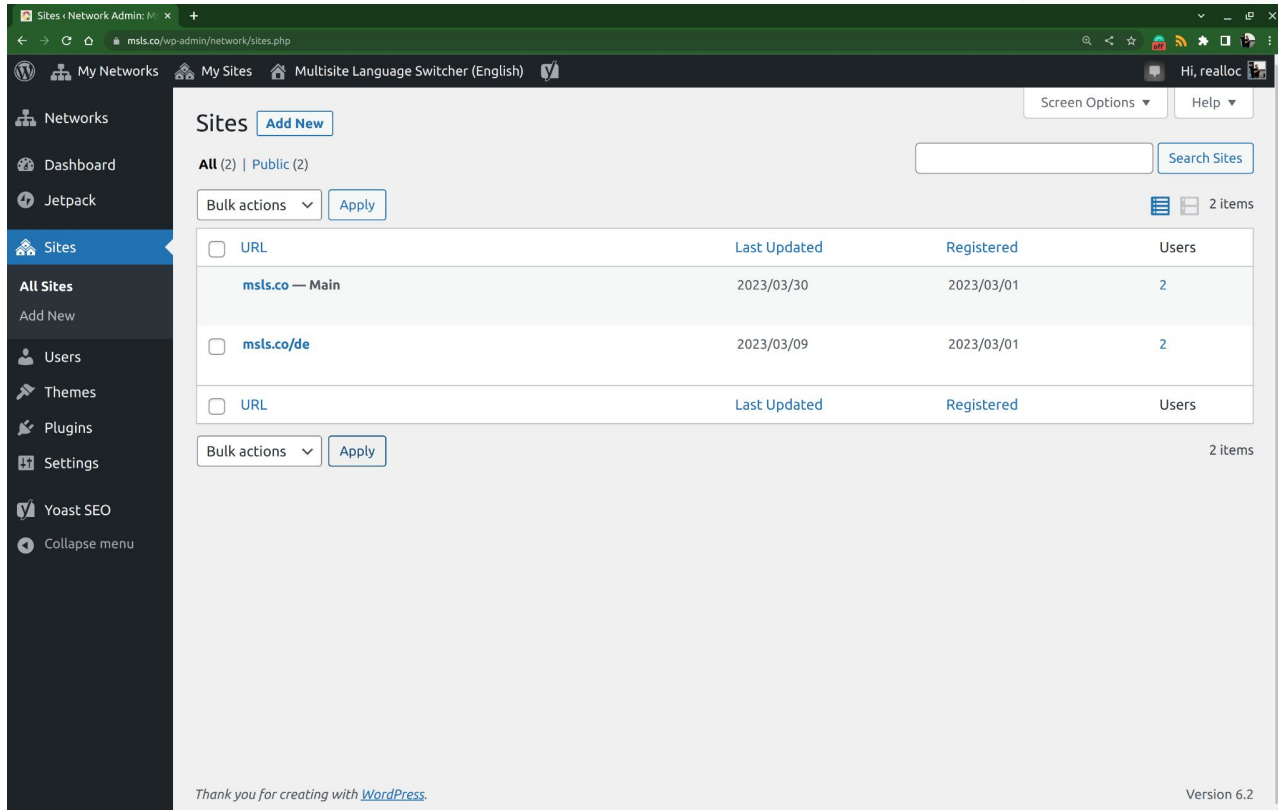
Sites: 2

[Cancel](#) [Update](#)

Thank you for creating with [WordPress](#).

Version 6.2

# Real world example - Sites dashboard



The screenshot displays the WordPress Sites dashboard. The left sidebar contains navigation options: Networks, Dashboard, Jetpack, Sites (selected), All Sites, Add New, Users, Themes, Plugins, Settings, Yoast SEO, and Collapse menu. The main content area shows the 'Sites' section with an 'Add New' button. Below this, there are filters for 'All (2) | Public (2)' and a search box labeled 'Search Sites'. A table lists the sites with columns for 'URL', 'Last Updated', 'Registered', and 'Users'. The table contains two entries: 'msls.co — Main' and 'msls.co/de'. Below the table, there are 'Bulk actions' and 'Apply' buttons, and a note that there are '2 items'.

<input type="checkbox"/>	URL	Last Updated	Registered	Users
<input type="checkbox"/>	msls.co — Main	2023/03/30	2023/03/01	2
<input type="checkbox"/>	msls.co/de	2023/03/09	2023/03/01	2

Thank you for creating with [WordPress](#). Version 6.2

# What else?

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You should handle traffic before it hits the installation:

- Redirection of a domain to another  
*example.net -> example.org*
- Redirection of a third level subdomain to a second level subdomain  
*www.example.net -> example.net*
- Force http traffic to https

# Thanks! Any questions?

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